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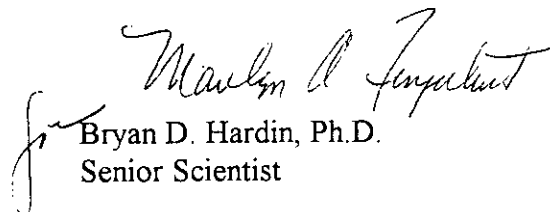
Mr. Trenton Niemeyer
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Dear Mr. Niemeyer:

My letter to you, dated July 11, 1996, was in response to your June 19, 1996 letter to Dr. Rosenstock. NIOSH is committed to the continuous improvement of respirator certification standards and is engaged in a process by which changes will be made in a series of steps, or modules. As part of that process, NIOSH published a Federal Register notice (61 FR 24740) in which public comment was requested to collect recommendations on what issues should be given priority for future rulemaking modules. Comment was specifically requested on the advisability and priority for a rulemaking module addressing fit testing. Public meetings were also held at which the public was invited to make presentations. Although the comment period for that Federal Register notice is closed, I invite you to submit any data or other information you have on fit testing (or other topics that you believe should be the subject of a rulemaking module). I have placed both of your letters and my replies to each in the public docket, and we will accept in the docket whatever information you wish to submit.

Regarding your request for documents, you are welcome to submit a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request to the CDC/ATSDR FOIA officer, Ms. Laura Leathers. You may contact Ms. Leathers at (404) 639-7270.

Sincerely,


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